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Sunday, May 31, 2026 - The Most Holy Trinity



Mass Schedule @ Main Church

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

*Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or
anytime by appointment*

Weekday Morning Mass

Monday - Friday

8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH

Monday 8:30 am Mass

with Miraculous Medal Novena

Served By:

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

Sacrament of the Sick

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

First Friday

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1st Friday Adoration during the “Fall” months of September, October, November and December and the “Spring” months of March, April, May and June.

Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

New Parishioners

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

MISSION STATEMENT *The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.*



Dear Friends,

This Sunday the Church celebrates **Trinity Sunday**. The word “Trinity” doesn’t begin with a puzzle to solve; it begins with a **God who draws near** – a God whose very life is love, and whose love reaches into our lives.

God who comes close – and how God is known

In the first reading, Moses encounters the Lord on Sinai. God does not describe Himself as distant or indifferent. He passes by and proclaims His own Name: **“a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”**

That proclamation matters on Trinity Sunday. Because the Trinity is not merely “God in three parts.” It is the reality that the one God comes to us as **Mercy**, as **Graciousness**, as **steadfast love** – and that God’s closeness is not random.

The Catechism summarizes this from the start: the life of man is **to know and love God**, and God draws close at every time and in every place.

The Trinity as love that gives and saves

In the Gospel, Jesus brings the mystery into the simplest and most personal line in all Scripture: **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”**

God does not send the Son to condemn. Jesus says the sending is for salvation: **“in order that the world might be saved through him.”**

That means Trinity Sunday is not only about how God is “inside.” It is also about what God is doing **outside** – toward you, toward me, toward every person. The Father’s love is real enough to give the Son, and the Son’s mission is real enough to bring salvation instead of condemnation.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit at work in the Christian life

St. Paul closes the second reading with a blessing that is almost a Trinitarian map of our Christian life: **“the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.”**

- Notice the movement: **Grace** comes from the Lord Jesus Christ – this is God’s free gift.
- **Love** comes from God – God wants communion, not distance.
- **Communion** comes from the Holy Spirit – love becoming a shared life, a shared mission, a shared peace.

And Paul doesn’t treat this as theory. He urges believers to live in unity: **“agree with one another, live in peace.”**

Trinity in daily relationships

Relationships: you don’t control the connection – but you are called to love

Years ago, I saw a small “Trinity-sized” moment in everyday life.

My brother was leaving the subway one morning, late enough that he was already on his way to work, then he was knocked down and needed emergency care. At Lenox Hill Hospital, just before anesthesia, a nurse came to his stretcher and said, **“I know your uncle who is a NYC fireman.”**

It was a brief coincidence – but it was also a consolation: in a terrifying moment, someone recognized a piece of our family and brought familiarity into chaos.

Of course, you and I cannot control who knows whom, who connects with whom, or whether two people will genuinely click. Even when relationships begin with a mutual acquaintance, they may still not grow into true friendship.

But Trinity Sunday asks for something deeper than controlling outcomes: **it asks for commitment, respect, and self-giving love**, the kind that doesn’t depend on constant emotional comfort.

That is why Paul’s blessing matters: **God’s love does not stay abstract**. The Holy Spirit’s “communion” pushes us toward peace, unity, and reconciliation in real relationships.

Remembrance: The Trinity is hope for the shortness of life. This past week, I attended a memorial for a young man – someone from our local community who had been pursuing a disciplined life and now had died tragically. In moments like that, families naturally ask: **Why? Why so short?**

The Gospel gives a response – not by explaining away the pain, but by rooting our hope in what God has revealed. God so loved the world that He gave His Son; the purpose was salvation.

And the Catechism tells us something even more foundational about a human life: **“If man exists it is because God has created him through love.”**

So, the Christian meaning of life is not only achievements and excellence. It is that we are made through love and called into love – called to communion with God.

That hope belongs at funerals and memorials. It belongs when we remember someone with gratitude and sorrow, because in Christ death is not the last work.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES – MAY 31, 2026

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY 30 MAY	5:30 pm	Robert Papale
SUNDAY, 31 MAY	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Joseph Catalano & Michael Chiaramonte Robert Papale (1 st Ann.)
MONDAY, 1 JUNE	8:30 am	Margaret Brennan
TUESDAY, 2 JUNE	8:30 am	Peter Caste
WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE	8:30 am	Vivian Petrillo
THURSDAY, 4 JUNE	8:30 am	Ruth Caste
FRIDAY, 5 JUNE	8:30 am	Sean Cassels
SATURDAY, 6 JUNE	5:30 pm	David Miller
SUNDAY, 7 JUNE	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	People of the Parish Joseph Catalano & Michael Chiaramonte Arthur Rupel

Bread & Wine for the week of May 31st: Offering of Nancy Lanfrank in memory of JACK MALLOY.

Sanctuary Candle for the week of May 31^s: Offering of Nancy Lanfrank in memory of CATHY HIGGINS.

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, 31 MAY 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Corona Self Help at all Masses Mass Mass Mass
MONDAY, 1 JUNE 8:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	MEMORIAL DAY Daily Mass will be held Mon-Fri each Week in Church RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Deadline for Announcements For June 14 th Bulletin. Call the Rector at 973-325-0110. Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)
SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 8 am – 1:30 pm 4:15 – 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	Pre-Cana (HALL) Confessions in Church Mass Missionary Appeal
SUNDAY, 7 JUNE 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am 7:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 11 am – 5:00 pm	Missionary Appeal at all Masses Mass Mass Choir Rehearsal (LOFT) Rosary Recitation (OLLC) Mass Mass, Rosary Annual Mtg. & Lunch (HALL) West Orange Street Fair

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	JUNE 6-7, 2026	
Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
5:30 pm	Michael Lanfrank	Emily Kunz Judy Albore (c)
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Sister James Soon
9:30 am Adult Choir	Andrew Novoa	Espie Cain Paul Hirsch (c)
11:30 am Youth Choir	Carol Ford	Carmelita Dizon Wendy Sheyka (c)

Prayers needed

Emeka Anyanyo, Jeffrey Beauzil,
Paul Di Francesscantonio,
Simon Gutowitz, Frances Maroon,
Beverly McAllister, Mary McGuinness,
Sister Jean Ruppel.

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-

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A practical way to live Trinity Sunday

If the Father is the source of love, the Son is the gift of salvation, and the Holy Spirit is communion, then Trinity Sunday calls you to three simple daily choices:

1. **Begin again with peace** when conflict rises pray to live "in peace" and to "agree with one another" as far as charity allows.
2. **Practice self-giving love** in small ways – listening, forgiveness, and correction done out of care, not out of control.
3. **Remember that God's love is first:** you are not loved because you are perfect, but because you are His.

Prayer: Father of mercies, we praise You for Your steadfast love and faithfulness.
Jesus, Son of God, teach us to trust the salvation You bring and the love You give.
Holy Spirit of communion, make us one in peace, and keep us close to God's grace, God's love, and God's life.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

Upcoming Parish & Community Events

Thursday, June 4, 2026 – 7 pm: St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church in Bloomfield, NJ. **35th Annual Mass of Hope & Remembrance for bereaved parents & families.** Call or email Lauren at 973-497-4327 / Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org.

Saturday, June 6th – 8:00 – 11:30 am: **THE SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH. MEN'S MORNING – What it means to be a Catholic Man in Today's World.** For information Visit shrineofsaintjoseph.com/menofsaintjoseph.

Thursday, June 11th – 5:30 pm: **Our Lady of Lourdes Church. SACRED HEART SOLEMNITY VIGIL MASS FOR THE UNITED STATES.**

Friday, June 12th - 7:30 pm: **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. CARDINAL TOBIN WILL CELEBRATE A SOLEMN THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS. All are welcome.**

Saturday, June 13th – 10am – 4:30 pm: **Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Newark. FIRST 5 SUMMIT for couples in their first 5 years of marriage. For information visit www.rcan.org/family-life.**

PARISH GIVING

FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

GOAL:	\$6,800
COLLECTION*: May 16-May 17, 2026:	\$4,148
Deficit	\$2,652

**Includes Online Giving Weekly Average/*

The Rosary Altar Society's Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on:

Sunday, June 7th

11:00 am Recitation of Rosary

11:30 am Mass

12:30 am Annual Meeting (HALL)

All Rosarians: Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



Missionary Appeal

JUNE 6-7 at all Masses

The **CONGREGATION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY (DM)** will be visiting us at all Masses this weekend.

The Congregation of the Daughters of Mary (DM) is a missionary congregation of Pontifical Right and founded on May 8, 1938, by late Monsignor Joseph Kuzhinjalil, a priest of the Archdiocese of Changanassery, Kerala in the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church during the early days of the re-union movement at Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, South India. Today the members of the DM congregation strive to preserve and follow the charism of the founders, and to fulfil the Divine mandate to preach the word to every person, door to door through House visiting until the glorious coming of the Saviour.



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 Rectory Hours: 9am-2:30pm, M-F – call for appt.

973-325-0110

2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Forms are in church, in rectory and online - See "Options/How to Pay" below"

PER CHILD TUITION:

\$60, until May 25

\$80, until June 25

\$100, until July 25

Late Registration \$150, July 26-August 12

Final Registration Deadline:

August 12, 2026

OPTIONS/ HOW TO PAY:

Cash/ Check

(payable to Our Lady of Lourdes)

- Visit Rectory with required docs
- Drop in Sunday Collection Basket

Website - lourdeswestorange.org

>> "Faith Formation / Religious Education"

>> "Religious Education Registration"

or, Scan Here



2026-27 Lourdes
 Religious Education
 Registration code

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS for each student
 (Documentos requeridos para cada estudiante),

- (1) ___ Baptismal certificate (Copia de certificado de bautismo);
- (2) ___ Birth certificate (Copia del certificado de nacimiento);
- (3) ___ 1st Communion certificate (if completed) (Copia de certificado de primera comunión si se completo);
- (4) ___ Registration form (Formulario de inscripción);
- (5) ___ Photography consent at the end of form (Formulario de consentimiento para fotografía)

QUESTIONS/ RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

973-325-0110 (9am-2:30pm)

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DEAR PARENTS, GODPARENTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS,

This program prepares your children for First Communion and Confirmation, but it also depends on your participation as a family. This is not only about learning—it is about **faith, commitment, and service**. The most important expectation is faithful Sunday Mass attendance.

We ask that you **bring your children to Mass every Sunday**, not only on class days. Some parishes track attendance, but we choose to trust you. This trust is rooted in the promise you made at your child's baptism—to raise your child in the faith. That means practicing your faith, attending Mass regularly, and guiding your children to do the same. **Thank you for your support and partnership.**

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